and village industries under the recentl approved Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI).

(c) The number of units set up by eligible beneficiaries of the two schemes (REGP and PMRY) in Jharkhand during the last three years is given in the table given below:

Year	Number of Units	
	REGP	PMRY
2003-04	323	4774
2004-05	240	4804
2005-06	217	4570

(d) The units set up under the REGP are, by and large, located in rural areas and small towns, including tribal areas, and mostly use local raw materials for value addition through processing and thus help the people of nearby areas by generating additional employment opportunties, etc., while approximately 49 per cent of the beneficiaries under PMRY Scheme are from rural areas.

Prices of plastic raw materials

1064. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of plastic raw materials are fluctuating and thereby causing concern to the manufacturers;

(b) if so, whether the plastic Associations have put forward certain demands to the Central Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the response of the Government to the demands from the Plastic Associations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (d) All India Plastic Manufacturers Association (AIPMA), All India Plastic Industries Associations have given the representation or inordinate and frequent price

rise in Commodity Plastics and requested for restricting the export of polymers, custom duty reduction from the current level of 5% to 0%, removal of anti-dumping duty on PVC resin and reduction of excise duty from 16% to 8%. Chemicals & Petrochemicals Manufacturers' Association have mentioned that the volatility in prices is a global phenomenon and not only specific to India. Petrochemicals Industry is deregulated and delicensed. The prices of raw materials for plastic are market driven and prices are not controlled by Government.

Fertilizer plants in the country

1065. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of fertilizer plants in the country indicating the installed capacity and utilization, State-wise;

(b) the quantum of fertilizers required to meet the increasing domestic demand;

(c) whether any new public/private sector fertilizer plant is proposed to be set up; and

(d) the steps taken to meet the requirement of fertilizers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B. K. HANDIQUE): (a) Details of fertilizer plants in the country indicating the installed capacity and utilization, State-wise, is given in the Statement I and II (*See* below).

(b) The quantum of major fertilizers namely Urea, DAP & MOP to meet the domestic demand during the current financial year 2006-07 has been assessed as under:-

(Qty. in lakh MTs)

Season	Urea	DAP	MOP
Kharif-06	122.37	33.10	14.66
Rabi-07	127.08	48.19	18.57
TOTAL	249.45	81.29	33.23